

ing etc. constitute the rural activities. The State Governments have been advised to take steps to integrate their sericulture programmes with rural development programmes. Further, the Central Silk Board advises the State Governments about the modern sericulture practices and encourages them by providing the necessary Research & Development, Extension and Training support. Besides, the CSB arranges supply of mulberry cuttings/saplings to the State Governments at subsidised cost for expansion of sericulture in new areas

(c) to (f). In order to boost the silk production in the country, the Central Silk Board is supplementing the efforts of various State Govts. by providing necessary support through its country-wide network of Research, Extension & Training units. Further, consequent on launching of the World Bank/Swiss assisted National Sericulture Project in the country and introduction of sericulture in non-traditional/new areas, the Central Silk Board has expanded/strengthened additional/supporting infrastructures to meet the requirements of various States including Rajasthan for promotion of silk production.

The details of new units and units strengthened under National Sericulture Project in Rajasthan are as under:-

1. Silkworm Seed Production Centre, Udaipur.
2. Four Technical Service Centres, one each at Jhadol, Dhariwad, Banswara and Garhi.
3. Project area Incharge office at Udaipur.
4. One P2 farm at Fatehnagar (Existing REC converted as P2 farm)
5. One Technical Service Centre at

Kota (likely to be shifted to other location)

6. One Demonstration cum Training Centre at Dabok.

7. One Farmers Training School at Udaipur.

The project envisages development of 2000 acres of land under mulberry plantation for production of 60 metric tonnes of raw silk.

Widening of Howrah-Kharagpur Strech of N.H. No. 6

5066. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to develop and widen the Howrah-Kharagpur stretch of National Highway No. 6?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) Development of National Highways is a continuous process and improvement works are taken up keeping in view the existing conditions of the National Highways, traffic intensity, inter-se priority on All India basis and availability of funds. Seven works amounting to Rs. 762.45 lakhs have been sanctioned for strengthening of the Howrah-Kharagpur section of National Highway No. 6 during the last three years (1988-89 to 1990-91).

In addition, strengthening work from km. 99 to km. 108 has been recently sanctioned during 1991-92. Also technical appraisal for strengthening of reach from km. 34 to km. 37 has been approved.

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5067. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: